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Applicant : Yoshihiro NAKAHIRA

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For : NODE DEVICE AND OPTICAL PATH
SETTING METHOD (As amended)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Transmittal, which is filed concurrently herewith to continue prosecution of this Application.

- **Request for Extension of time** begins on page 2.
- **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3.
- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4.
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 9 and are reflected in the listing of the claims.
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